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Dear Aarpn:

I am very distressed that the University here has been taking so long to formulate a definite proposal to you. I can assure you this is no mark of a lack of good will; there are a great many different departments anxious to have you here, and the delay has been a consequence of the discussions needed to formulate a concrete plan.

It is hard to say how far we are from that now. This department has begun to take a more active part in the negotiations, and I hope we may be able to move more rapidly on that basis. All the people you know in Genetics would be more than pleased to have you with us. I don't think this delay would be typical of the atmosphere here once your place was settled.

We are sorry to have missed you, but we just couldn't take time right now for the trip to Evanston. We're leaving for Paris and London next Wednesday, and will be back just a month later.

If you have any questions about our own academic plans, we just can't give definite answers yet.

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg